FRATERNAL SOCIETIES



The EVENING LEDGER opens its columns to a department of activities of organizations which vivy so important a part in the sconomic and social life of the community as do these societies cannot fail to interest a multitude

of readers.
In these columns will be printed on Friday of each week a record of the doings of the various im-portant fraternal societies repre-ented in Philadelphia. Elections,

appointments of officers, legislation, eignificant resolutions, items
of personal interest, all will be
noted. Whenever consideration of
space makes it necessary to omit
news it will be printed in the next
issue, if available.
Secretaries and others who may
send communications to this office
should be careful to write names
and titles legibly on one side of the
paper only and send on the day
after meetings or by Wednesday
of each week, addressing the FRATERNAL EDITOR, EVENING
LEDGER.

Improved Order of Red Men

A district gathering was held in the council abunder of Wingohocking Tribe or the sleep of the 18th sun, representatives being present from Tribes. Nos. 121. 188 and 33. The remarks made were appropriate, especially those of P. S. Naws, of No. 121. Great Sentor Samuel H. Walker, Great Prophet Richard R. Tompie and Great Chief of Records Thomas K. Dennelly spoke on behalf of the Great Council. P. S. T. C. Beswick, of Mondanin Tybe. spoke on the work being done

or is during the remainder of the year.
On the sicep of the 17th some of the board of great chiefs and delegations from Tribes (So. 115, 244 and 370 trails to Ongree-Honwes and a recommendation. Mare than 30 Red Men were present Great Senior Saga3078 Hambell H. Walker C. Poore. G. C. of the Thomas K. Domail J. Paat Sachem Louis (Inches). Of No. 344 Fast Sachem Louis (Inches). Of No. 344 Fast Sachem Hamilin, of the 370, presched the said virtues of the Boacht by the tented and virtues of the Boacht and the said a

The District Committee of the 13th dis-The property of the country of the first of the country of the cou

Order Independent Americans

Mantua Council, No. 83, at 8658 Lancaster avenue, was conducted at last meeting by Councilor Hursberger and Vice Councilor Eck-

Knights of Pythias

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Recent visitors to the Grand Lodge office
have been Past Grand Chancellor H. Oscar
Kline, of Pittaburgh; Past Grand Chancellor
Thomas C. Thompson, of Philadelphia; Past
Grand Chancellor David P. Reese, of Phymouth; Deputy Grand Chancellor C. W. T.
Robinson, of Philadelphia, and Deputy Grand
Chancellor George Ziegler, of Montgomery
County

poor in the various neighbornous. The grand chancellor, Mark L. Garrett, of Delaware, reports some progress in his domain.

Brother W. W. May, of Connecticut, has been visiting the Pythlans of the State. E. L. Caum, Jr., keeper of records and seal, from Harrisburg, was attending to his official duties in matters in this city during the week. Southwark Lodes nominated official action of the sauling year on Tuesday evening as and conferred rank of page on two anddates, after which the Social Order of Stags held its monthly grazing, rubing the Welst from the horns of soveral calves, the pinchle corner got busy. The Enternaturent Committee is sparing no effort to make the meetings interesting the members, being ever ready to dole out good fellowship and a helping hand. With rubber quottes, pinchle and checkers there is no idle time spinchle and checkers there of rema. Landaw; keeper of records and seal, Handaw; keeper of arms. Landaw; keeper of seal and seal

The degree team contest for which the various Philadelphia teams have been competing for prizes valued at \$100, and donated by the Grand Resent. Arthur B. Eaton, is now ended, the members are anxiously waiting the de-Orand Resent, Arthur B. Eaton, is now ended. The members are anxiously waiting the decisions of the judges to learn their fate. The contest has been one marked with great interest; the attendance at the meetings has shown in some cases an increase of 200 percent and never less than 50. The last of the contest took nisce on December 18, at Haverford Council, when Chester Council conferred the deares in a creditable manner. Many visitors were present to great the Chester bord, as well as the Grand Resent, who complimented the team upon its spiending at its first offense as contestors. The judges at the affair were Brothers Charles Goldenith, of Continental Council. The Judges of London Council. A nucley was served. The prize degree team of Chester Council contents of Council. A nucley was served.

Fraternal Patriotic Americans

An official visitation was made last Baturday evening to Pipersville Council. No. 620, Jr. P. B. Brother Erwin Getter and D. B. C. Charles Hand, of Easton, State Council Secretary Brother George S. Ford and State Vice Councilor William S. Ebeneman, of Philadelphia, being the principal visitors and speakers. No. 620 is assuming the same attitude as the visitous councils, namely, to help secure the great increase looked for and for which the best efforts of the members of this organisation are being exerted.

Last Sunday evening various councils of this city attended two flag presentations, Calvary Methodist Episcopal Church, 48th street and Baltimore avone, and Tennent Prestylerian Church, 22d and Arch streets. Although weather conditions were had a very creditable showing was made at both. Reference was made to the fact that Brother Horsce D. Gaw. An official visitation was made last Satur-

The theatrical benefit given by Philadelphia Lodge this week, although not coming up to the expectations of the committee, was nevertheless fairly well attended by the membership. Bert Baker, the principal comedian of the show, is a member of the Detroit Lodge of Moose, and throughout the performances here his references to topics and personances connected with the order and the were received with approval. The senself lasted for eight performances, and no single one of these was selected for an official visitation from the local lodge, hence there was not the usual displays of enthusiasm that generally accompany events of this character. The profits rising from the series of functions will be applied to the building fund in connection The theatrical benefit given by Philadelphia

Knights of Columbus

The Dining Club of Knights of Columbus will

A GREAT MYSTIC STORY BY HAROLD MACGRATH

EPISODE IV TOHN flung Hassam All from him and

faced Zudora. "I am sorry, dear, to have a rumpus like this; but I lost my temper."
"And perhaps I lost mine," said Hassam All, recognizing the need of a bit of diplomacy. "I had forbidden him the house, Zudora. He pushed his way in with threats of police."
"You were wrong, John," said Zudora.

"You were wrong, John," said Zudora, with no small diplomacy herself, "There

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HEBREW CHARITY BALL TO BE GIVEN MONDAY

Event Will Be Marked by Cabaret Entertainment.

The 16th annual Charity Ball for the benefit of the Hebrew Orphans' Home will be held in Mercantile Hill, Broad street above Master, on Monday night. The benefit this year will be on a far more elaborate scale than any held in the past. A ball and a cabaret enter-tainment will be conducted simultane-ously. A number of professionals have volunteered their services to make the

cabaret a success.

The grand march will be led by Joseph The grand march will be led by Joseph Biberman, master of ceremonies, and Mrs. Biberman. They will be followed in turn by Mr. and Mrs. Max S. Apt. Mr. and Mrs. Max Hersch, Mr. and Mrs. Max M. Sladkin, Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Beiber, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Rosenfeldt, Mr. and Mrs. Harris J. Cohn, Mr. and Mrs. Mortis Act. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Raab. Mr. ris Apt, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ranb, Mr. and Mrs. Morris Haber and the other officers and patrons and patronesses of the

JACK TAR'S SANTA CLAUS

Zudora.

In the attic of the shack was a giant stereopticon, capable of throwing a concentrated ray a thousand yards or mors. The plate projected was really an X-ray exposure of Bolton's hand. John threatened and cajoled and even offered money to Bolton if he would confess who had set him up to this trick. But Jimmy refused to divulge his secret. He feared the threats of Hassam All far more than the threats of his victim. the threats of his victim.

A week later the crops were being harvested; and Zudora and John returned to the city, each secretly wondering what the next ordeal would hold for them.

is nothing to prevent my seeing you when and where I will; but this is my uncle's house. He has a perfect right to deny you admittance if he so wishes."

John swallowed hard, He was not ex-

John swallowed hard, He was not expecting a rebuke from such a quarter. He spologized again and left the house, At his apartments a telegram awaited him. The spectre had returned, and the farmers were patrolling the county with shotguns. A carrier pigeon acquainted Zudora with the fact, The next morning the two left for the south. Zudora nor

the two left for the south. Zudora nor John referred to the row with Hassam

All. "Let me work alone. The sight of you

"Let me work alone. The sight of you may scare away this boy," she said.
"All right," he agreed; but with the mental reservation that he would follow her and remain within call.

Zudora found Jimmy Bolton; and Jimmy Bolton found her, much to her discomfort and alarm. She had gone far opposite to where the spectre hand usually appeared; and she discovered in a window of a shack, on the opposite hill, the Cyclopean eye she had hitherto hunted for in vain.

Without the slightest hesitance she sought the shack, knocked intrepidly, and was suddenly dragged in and securely bound. In the dim light she could see that Bolton was not untouched with insanity.

insanity.

Storm had promised not to follow; but she never went out at night without his being somewhere near. He, too, had seen the flashing eye. A brief tableau of Zudora struggling in the doorway was enough. He was nearly as mad as poor Jimmy Bolton. He used the fellow roughly and left him exhausted and thoroughly cowed in a corner, and then liberated Zudora.

MAKES KRIS REALITY FOR MANY KIDDIES

Gifts Worth \$15,000 Are Brought to the Homes of the Poor by Public Ledger and Evening Ledger A tos

Suppose you had been a tiny little ka resterday morning, who all your lifetime had been hearing things about a wonderful old gentleman who had his home somewhere up in the heavens some home somewhere up in the heavens some place. Suppose you had been told how he came down from the skies every 24th of December laden with toys for all the little boys and girls on this earth who had managed to be as good as sugar candy throughout the year.

And suppose your prayer had been answered! Imagine your joy and inexpressible happiness!

This is exactly what happened to thousands of youngsters yesterday morning.

sands of youngsters yesterday morning. Thousands who had never in their little lives received so much as a doil baby or an insignificant toy awoke yesterday morning to find a beautiful joyous Christmas present by their side, the first testimony they had ever had that Santa was a resility and not a myth after all.

The PUBLIC LEDGER Santa Claus Club was responsible for the preserving of their illusions. Into the alleys and tensment districts of Philadelphia and thence into the overcrowded humanity-crammed rooms of this city's poorer districts went 15,000 forth of Christmas gifts conveyed there by 58 PUBLIC LEDGER and EVENING LEDGER automobiles. To the children from the children," that was how the game was worked. sands of youngsters yesterday morning

There is no greater favorite among the sailors and marines at the Philadelphia Navy Yard today than Cauptain J. A. Morgan, youngest of his rank in the navy. It was Captain Morgan who raced to this port in order to get his men home in time for Christmas, and he won. Hundreds who had contemplated a dismal Christmas at sea were able to dash home for at least a few hours.

The holiday spirit will continue at the navy yard until after New Year's. Then navy the said the gifts poured in like an avalanche and they had so much as a 5-cent tin horn otherwise received a package of gifts which sent them into ecstasies of gles and made the 25th of December a neverto-be-forgotten one in the meagre calendar of their happy days.



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